

We claim:

1. A portable ice rink comprising sheet means, a plurality of frame members and of first and second connector means, said first connector means being adapted to connect said frame members successively in an end-to-end relationship such as to form a closed frame means for said rink, said sheet means being adapted to be laid across said frame means and to be connected thereto by way of said second connector means, said second connector means being provided substantially continuously along said frame means, whereby water deposited onto said sheet means inwardly of said frame means and then having frozen thereon forms an ice sheet, wherein said second connector means and said ice sheet completely cover said sheet means at upper and side portions of said frame means.

2. A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 1, wherein said frame members comprise rigid elongated tubular members of annular cross section and wherein said second connector means comprise elongated flexible corrugated clip means each longitudinally slit such as to be spreadable for positioning over said sheet means and said tubular members with said sheet means being imprisoned between said tubular members and said corrugated clip means.

3. A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 2, wherein said tubular members and said clip means are each made of plastics material.

4. A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 1, wherein peripheral protective band means are provided for positioning between said second

connector means and said sheet means for at least one of protecting said sheet means from said second connector means and allowing said sheet means to be slidably displaced relative to said frame means even when connected thereto by said second connector means.

5. A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 4, wherein said sheet means is dimensioned such to define, when installed to said frame means, a peripheral take-up strip outwardly of said frame means thereby providing material for allowing said sheet means to be displaced inwardly relative to said frame means while retaining said sheet means assembled to said frame means by way of said second connector means.

6. A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 2, wherein said first connectors means comprise resilient connecting rods insertable at ends thereof in facing open ends of adjacent tubular members for interconnecting said tubular members while allowing for relative displacement therebetween upon a need for said frame means to expand.

7. A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 6, wherein said connecting rods are adapted to be bent for forming corners of said frame means.

8. A portable ice rink comprising sheet means, a plurality of tubular frame members and of first, second and third connector means, said first connector means being adapted to connect said frame members successively in an end-to-end relationship such as to form straight sides of a closed frame means for said rink, said second connector means

being adapted to connect said straight sides together while providing corners to said frame means, said sheet means being adapted to be laid across said frame means and to be connected thereto by way of said third connector means, whereby water deposited onto said sheet means inwardly of said frame means and then having frozen thereon forms an ice sheet, wherein said second connector means comprise flexible elongated elements which are curved to form said corners.

9. A portable ice rink comprising frame means, sheet means and at least one colored elongated band means, said sheet means being adapted to be laid across said frame means and to be connected thereto by way of connector means, whereby water deposited onto said sheet means inwardly of said frame means and then having frozen thereon forms an ice sheet, wherein said ice sheet comprises at least upper and lower layers and said band means extends across said ice sheet intermediate said upper and lower means thereby providing said rink with hockey-type lines.

10. A portable ice rink as defined in Claim 9, wherein said band means each comprise a plastic strip.

11. A method of installing a portable ice rink on a surface, comprising the steps of:

- a) laying frame means on a support surface;
- b) laying sheet means across and onto said frame means;
- c) securing with connector means said sheet means to said frame means and continuously along said frame means; and

d) depositing water on said sheet means and within said frame means, leveling said frame means, and allowing the water to freeze thereby forming an ice sheet;

wherein said connector means and said ice sheet cooperate to conceal said sheet means at least inwardly from an upper portion of said frame means such as to protect said sheet means.